



VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program

Lebanon VA Medical Center

Pharmacy VALOR Program Description:

The Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program is designed to attract academically successful students of Doctor of Pharmacy programs to work at the VA as registered pharmacists. This program gives outstanding students the opportunity to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy while at an approved VA health care facility.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is a Joint Commission accredited medical facility, which consists of a main campus in Lebanon and Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Camp Hill, York, Reading, Lancaster, Frackville, and Pottsville, serving approximately 45,000 Veterans in 9 counties of south central Pennsylvania. This facility is a teaching hospital affiliated with the Penn State University Medical School based in Hershey. Over 250 medical residents, fellows, and students rotate through the Lebanon VAMC every year. In addition to a wide variety of clinical pharmacy services, Lebanon VAMC also has PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residency programs (PGY1, Non-Traditional PGY1, PGY2 Ambulatory Care, and PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration).

The Pharmacy VALOR Program at Lebanon VA Medical Center was approved by Healthcare Retention and Recruitment Office (HRRO) in February 2012. The program is structured for the VALOR student to start in June, working 40 hours per week for 10 weeks*.

** Schedule may be flexible depending on the individual's Doctor of Pharmacy program curriculum.*

Learning Experiences:

Pharmacy VALOR students will work under the supervision of assigned preceptors, gaining experience in a wide variety of pharmacy practice settings, utilizing the VA's state of the art technology and computerized charting system, and collaborating with pharmacy and medical staff to optimize patient care.

- **Pharmacy Administration:** Understand the importance of leadership and management in health-system administration and staff development.
- **Clinical Pharmacy Services:** Develop competencies in clinical practice by collaborating with an interdisciplinary team and providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy management. Areas of practice may include, but not limited to: Acute Care, Ambulatory Care (Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Clinic and Diabetes Clinic), Behavioral Health, Chemotherapy/Epoetin Clinic, Geriatric Care, and Primary Care/Patient Aligned Care Team.
- **Distributive Pharmacy Services:** Prepare and dispense medications following existing standards of practice and the organization's policies and procedures in the Inpatient and Outpatient Pharmacy.

Eligibility:

- US citizenship
- Completion of a second professional year in an ACPE accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a Pharmacy VALOR student

Application Requirements:

- Personal statement
- Declaration for Federal Employment (SF OF-306)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Official college transcripts
- A letter from the Dean of the School of Pharmacy*

**The letter should include the following: a nomination of the student to the program; verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education (minimally fourth year of college education) by the time the student enters into the program; and anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.*

Number of VALOR Position: One

Stipend: \$7,858

Application Deadline: April 15, 2012

Submit Applications To:

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